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BRIEFING FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY

I recommended that Mrs. Clusen be offered our briefing on the Pacific as background to matters that will be coming up shortly.

The 13 atoll survey is underway. The first phase, the aerial photo mission is completed. The USNS Wheeling has already arrived in Honolulu. Within the next week the survey operation from the ship will begin. There is almost certain to be some publicity from this.

The moving of the Bikini people to Kili has been completed however, there are likely to be problems from this for some time. In fact, the Department of the Interior people have told us that they expect Mr. Yates to have early hearings on this matter.

Finally, the Micronesian Status Negotiations are entering a new phase and the whole policy question about dealing with the health and medical claims and residual land contamination is still to be settled.

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